

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 43

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 19, 2009 AS "FFA AND 4-H DAY" AT THE  
12 LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H have been premier youth leadership  
15 organizations in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

16 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H sponsor chapters and clubs in rural  
17 and urban areas throughout the state; and

18 WHEREAS, more than ninety thousand youths between the ages  
19 of five and twenty-one participate in FFA and 4-H youth  
20 development programs statewide; and

21 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H youth development programs are  
22 diverse and help participants acquire important life skills,  
23 including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical  
24 thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution  
25 and communication skills, that directly contribute to the

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1 successful transition of young people into productive adults;  
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3 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H participants report having greater  
4 confidence and a more positive self-image, stating that they  
5 have greater control over events in their lives and a better  
6 ability to make decisions on their own, set goals and take  
7 responsibility for their actions, and that there are many  
8 things in which they can take pride and their lives have  
9 purpose and meaning;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contributions  
12 of FFA and 4-H to the state, February 19, 2009 be declared "FFA  
13 and 4-H Day" at the legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to New Mexico state university's FFA and 4-H youth  
16 development organizations.